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In re Appln. of: Sanders et al.

Appln. No.: 10/032,700

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: REFASTENABLE ABSORBENT
GARMENT AND METHOD FOR
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- ☒ Transmittal Letter (in duplicate); Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449, Cited References D1-D4
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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Fee payment:

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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____ . A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary,

37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

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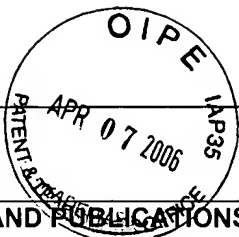
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